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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH POLISH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER:

PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON FUTURE
OF US- POLISH RELATIONS

1. I MET WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI FOR NINETY MINUTES ON JUNE 22. SINCE I THEN HAD TO LEAVE TO MAKE MY INITIAL COURTESY CALL ON THE CPR AMBASSADOR, WE ARRANGED TO MEET AGAIN JUNE 26 TO CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSION OF US- POLISH RELATIONS IN THE LIGHT OF MY WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS AND DID SO FOR ONE HOUR. OUR EXHCANGE ON POLISH PARTICIPATION IN THE ICCS IS REPORTED SEPTEL. OTHER LESS IMPORTANT ITEMS WILL BE HANDLED BY MEMCON. THIS TELEGRAM DEALS WITH THE SECOND MAJOR ITEM WE DISCUSSED.

2. SPASOWSKI SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN RE- READING THE JOINT US- POLISH COMMUNIQUE OF JUNE 1, 1972, AND HAD BEEN STRUCK BY THE FACT THAT THE TWO SIDES HAD DONE " PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING ENVISAGED BY THE COMMUNIQUE." NOW, HE SAID, IT SEEMED TO HIM THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL AT THE PRESENT STAGE OF OUR RELATIONS TO CONSIDER WHAT NEW STEPS COULD BE TAKEN TO FACILITATE FURTHER PROGRESS IN OUR RELATIONS, ON THE BASIS OF WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED DURING THE PAST YEAR. SPASOWSKI SAID THAT HE WAS NOT TALKING IN TERMS
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OF " SPECTACULAR ISSUES OR STEPS," BUT OF " REAL SPADEWORK".
KT MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL, HE SAID, IF WE COULD MEET IN THE
NOT- TOO- DISTANT FUTURE TO DISCUSS IN WHICH FIELDS WE COULD
EXCHANGE PRELIMINARY VIEWS, IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO PREPARE
A SORT OF AGENDA FOR DISCUSSIONS IN THE EARLY AUTUMN,
WHICH MIGHT TAKE A MORE DETAILED FORM.

3. IN ANSWER TO MY QUESTIONS, SPASOWSKI SAID HE HAD NO
SPECIFIC LIST OF TOPICS IN MIND AT THIS POINT. THESE
DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE AS INFORMAL AS POSSIBLE AND MIGHT
COVER EVERYTHING. EACH SIDE SHOULD FEEL FREE TO PUT
FORWARD ANY IDEAS IT WISHES, WITHOUT ANY OBLIGATION.

4. I TOLD SPASOWSKI THAT, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF WHAT
I HAD TOLD HIM EARLIER ABOUT THE CURRENT ATTITUDE IN
WASHINGTON (I. E., ON VIETNAM AND POLISH ICCS PARTICIPATION),
I HAD NO IDEA AT THIS POINT WHETHER MY GOVERNMENT WOULD
FAVOR THIS PROPOSAL. I WOULD, HOWEVER, REPORT IT AND SEEK
INSTRUCTION WHICH WOULD ENABLE ME TO GIVE HIM AN ANSWER
WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME.

5. COMMENT: WHILE SPASOWSKI MADE NO MENTION OF IT, IT IS
CLEAR THAT THE POLES WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SUCH TALKS AS
IMPLICIT PREPARATION FOR A GIEREK VISIT TO THE US.
AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE FROM OUR REPORTING, POLISH
JOURNALISTS CONTINUE TO TALK HOPEFULLY ABOUT A GIEREK
US VISIT THIS AUTUMN. END COMMENT.
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